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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA-MAURITIUS CONNECTION HITS PRESS

AGAIN - CALLAGHAN INDICATES DIEGO GARCIA

EXTENSION WILL NOT BE PROBLEM

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1. MAJOR NEWSPAPERS APRIL 8 FEATURED STORIES THAT MAURITIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA HAS SAID THAT DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF 1967 UK/MAURITIUS AGREEMENT ON DETACHMENT OF CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO. HIGH COMMISSIONER HURBURREN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HMG HAD AGREED THAT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD BE USED ONLY AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO A TELEPHONE QUESTION FROM THE "LONDON

TIMES", THE FCO DENIED THAT BRITISH WOULD BE VIOLATING ANY 1967 UNDERTAKING AND POINTED OUT THAT AT THE TIME IT WAS CLEARLY POINTED OUT IN THE MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE ARCHIPELAGO COULD BE USED FOR DEFENSE.

3. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, NEW GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN FIRST PUBLIC INDICATION OF LIKELY POLICY TOWARD DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION. IN APRIL 3 RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THERE WOULD BE "ANY PROBLEMS" OVER RETENTION OF HOLY LOCH AND EXTENSION OF DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN REPLIED THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM." THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HMG HAS TAKEN ANY FINAL DECISION IN THIS MATTER BUT CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IS FIRST TIME THAT LABOR SPOKESMAN HAS GONE FARTHER THAN TO STATE THAT DECISION ON EXTENSION OF DIEGO GARCIA WILL BE TAKEN AS PART OF OVERALL REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES.

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